

District II Advisory Board Minutes

May 6, 2014

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at Fire Station #20 located at 2255 S. Greenwich Road. The Council Member, six board members, seven staff and four guests were present.

Members Present

David Babich
Brian Carduff
Nazir Jesri
Dale Carter
Max Weddle
Kelly Callen
Pete Meitzner- Council Member

Members Absent

Jennifer Baysinger
Stephanie Galicia
Nick Howell
Sheila Tigert
Blaine Knott

Jenny Nguyen – Youth DAB member
Parth Khare – Youth DAB member

Staff Present

Officer Jason Dautrich, WPD
Deputy Chief Hassan Ramzah, WPD
Karen Holmes, Park and Recreation Department
Alan Taber, Park and Recreation Department
Michael Spadafore, WAMPO
Captain Warren King, WFD
Alana Haynes, Office of Community Engagement

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

- April minutes approved (6-0)
- May agenda approved (6-0)

PUBLIC AGENDA

Off-Agenda Items

No report.

STAFF REPORTS

Community Police Report

Officer Jason Dautrich, reported burglaries in the area have started to increase; two suspects have been captured. Larcenies and auto break-ins have increased as well. The police department is asking people to remove all personal items from their vehicles to prevent break-ins from occurring.

The area has experienced an increase of cars being parked on residential lawns; officers are ticketing the cars. Cars cannot park on grass, they must be on a concrete surface. The police department has also started to do more traffic stopping to prevent traffic accidents and violations.

Questions- none.

Action: Receive and file

Fire Report

Captain Warren King, reported that during the month of April, 12 fires were investigated throughout the City with six of the fires ruled as accidental. Damages resulted in 1.1 million dollars in fire loss.
Questions- none.

Action: Receive and file

Park and Recreation Department

Alan Taber, reported on the various Park and Recreation summer camp activities throughout the City. In addition, USD 259 will provide lunch at all summer camp sites.
Questions- none.

Action: Receive and file

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Chief Hassan Ramzah

Deputy Chief Hassan Ramzah, Wichita Police Department, provided updates on the Investigations Division and also discussed the importance of reporting criminal activity to the police department in efforts of keeping the community safe.

DAB member: Will we continue to have CP Officers? **Ramzah:** Yes, it is our goal to reach the higher risk segments of the population; therefore CP Officers will continue to exist.

DAB member: Will there be officers in our schools? **Ramzah:** We have SRO's in all of the high schools. Due to less funding for SRO's, CP Officers are there to help. The police department has asked our CP Officers to get to know their schools principals, staff and students within their beat areas.

Action: Receive and file

Park and Recreation Department

Karen Holmes, City of Wichita Park and Recreation Department, reported on the conditions of the Park and Recreation Department Aquatics Master Plan. **Holmes** proposed closures to three facilities: Country Acres, McAdams and Boston; three new facilities: Evergreen, Aley and Edgemoor, and renovations to the remaining swimming pools.

DAB member: If the numbers at McAdams are decreasing, why keep it open any longer? **Holmes:** McAdams will remain open until Edgemoor opens.

DAB member: The pool at College Hill was financed through the community increasing their taxes, are there any thoughts to extending this concept to other communities? **Holmes:** The neighborhood was able to get more than 51 percent of the community to sign a petition to assess taxes, however; it was neighborhood driven.

DAB member: Will this come out of the general fund? **Holmes:** No, it will come out of the capital project fund, once it is approved by Council.

DAB member: Are there any plans to have a sustainability program to protect investments? **Holmes:** The swimming pools are managed yearly, to keep the cost down and to extend the life of the pools.

Action: Receive and file

Move 2040 Phase 2 Updates

Michael Spadafore, Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, presented the findings of the MOVE 2040 Phase 2 community engagement project. During Phase I, 1092 people were engaged to provide input on the key issues which were: alternate modes of transportation, connecting rural and urban communities, fixing bottlenecks, improving existing interchanges, maintaining current system, safety, signal timing and use of technology. The next steps for MOVE 2040 will be to host public workshops, select a preferred strategy, solicitation of projects and programs, adoption of a financial plan and to develop a draft of the long range plan.

DAB member: How is this funded? **Spadefore:** This is funded by the Federal Highway Trust Fund, Federal Funds, KDOT, local dollars and the Kansas managed Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO).

Action: Receive and file

IdeaTek Communications

Ivan Kuhn and Jill Droge, from IdeaTek Communications, presented on a franchise agreement the City of Wichita and IdeaTek entered into, which allows IdeaTek to construct small cells in the City for a wireless carrier to provide better wireless coverage throughout the City of Wichita. The cell range will be placed between three to five blocks apart to increase wireless coverage and economic growth for the City of Wichita.

DAB member: How would the cells overlap with the current coverage? **Kuhn:** All cell sites overlap, if one cell goes down there is a backup. The cells will improve City wide coverage.

DAB member: Would you use existing fibers? **Kuhn:** No, IdeaTek would build new fiber optic rings.

DAB member: Are there certain cellular providers that will benefit from the cells? **Kuhn:** As long as IdeaTek is able to connect with the carriers, there should not be a problem.

DAB Member: How many users will one cell support? **Kuhn:** The cells have unlimited capacity, measurement is by total band width.

Action: Provide Feedback

Updates, Issues, and Reports

Council Member Meitzner: None.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board II will be held at 6:30 p.m., June 3, 2014, at Fire Station 20, 2255 S. Greenwich.

Guests

Lonny Wright

Kyle Kelley

Ivan Kuhn

Jill Droge